



NOAA FISHERIES

Southeast Region
Protected Resources Division

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(Texas through North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

Threatened and Endangered Species

For more information on these listed species please visit:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/listed.htm>

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/protected_resources/index.html

Marine Mammal Species

	Scientific Name	Status
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered
fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered
North Atlantic right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered

Sea Turtle Species

green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened ²

Fish Species

Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>	Endangered ³
Gulf sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>	Threatened
scalloped hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Threatened ⁴
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered
smalltooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Endangered

Invertebrate Species

pillar coral	<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	Threatened
rough cactus coral	<i>Mycetophyllia ferox</i>	Threatened
lobed star coral	<i>Orbicella annularis</i>	Threatened
mountainous star coral	<i>Orbicella faveolata</i>	Threatened
boulder star coral	<i>Orbicella franksi</i>	Threatened
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Threatened
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Threatened

Seagrass Species

Johnson's seagrass	<i>Halophila johnsonii</i>	Threatened
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¹ Florida's breeding population is listed as endangered.

² Northwest Atlantic distinct population segment.

³ The Carolina and the South Atlantic distinct population segments have spawning populations in Southeast rivers. Additional distinct population segments occur in Southeast waters.

⁴ Central and southwest Atlantic distinct population segment.



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Critical Habitat Designations

For final rules, maps, and GIS data please visit:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/maps_gis_data/protected_resources/critical_habitat/index.html

North Atlantic right whale: Coastal and offshore waters from the Altamaha River in Georgia to Sebastian Inlet in Florida. There is a **proposed rule** to expand critical habitat to include all marine waters from Cape Fear, North Carolina, southward to about 45 miles north of Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Loggerhead sea turtle: There are 38 designated marine areas that occur throughout the Southeast Region.

Green sea turtle: Coastal waters surrounding Culebra Island, Puerto Rico.

Hawksbill sea turtle: Coastal waters surrounding Mona and Monito Islands, Puerto Rico.

Leatherback sea turtle: Coastal waters adjacent to Sandy Point from the mean high tide line to the hundred fathom curve, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Gulf sturgeon: There are 14 marine and estuarine units located in Northwest Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and eastern Louisiana.

Smalltooth sawfish: There are two habitat units located in Charlotte Harbor and in the Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades, Florida.

Elkhorn and Staghorn corals: There are four designated marine areas in **Florida**, **Puerto Rico**, and the **U.S. Virgin Islands** (i.e., St. John/St. Thomas, and St. Croix).

Johnson's seagrass: There are 10 designated habitat units located on Florida's east coast.



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Species Proposed for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act

Federal action agencies are encouraged to include species proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in their Section 7 consultation requests. Species that are proposed for listing are those which have been found to warrant federal protection under the ESA, but a final rule formally listing the species has not yet published. By including these species in your Section 7 consultation, reinitiating consultation after the ESA listing is finalized may not be necessary.

For more information on species proposed for listing under the ESA, please visit:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/candidate.htm#proposed>